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Fine Art Soon to Illuminate Downtown Morgan Hill

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The Downtown District's renaissance continues with the Groundbreaking of the Edes Building on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 11 a.m. Located at the southwest corner of Monterey Road and 2nd Street, the new art center will invigorate a central section in the Downtown District, merging art and community.

"Dan McCranie and the team at Colibri Gallery are committed to invigorating the arts and culture experience in Morgan Hill. We are fortunate for their vision, commitment, and passion for the arts," said City of Morgan Hill Assistant City Manager, Edith Ramirez. "KTGY's unique design of the Edes Gallery offers an aesthetically pleasing contemporary design while honoring the site's historical significance," added Ramirez.

Taking inspiration from the local landscape, the building is designed to be a work of art. Utilizing mass timber throughout the building and incorporating sculptural elements in the architecture, the layout will have an open and contemporary ambiance that is both warm and welcoming. The gallery space will consist of two multifaceted levels for art exhibitions, workshops, and public art programming, as well as a wine café. The gallery will showcase contemporary artwork from the Bay Area and beyond.

"The Edes Building provided an exciting opportunity for KTGY to break the mold of traditional art galleries," said Sean Martino, associate principal at KTGY. "By embracing the surrounding rolling hills and greenery, along with the movement of Downtown, we were able to design a flexible gallery that serves the community through art and entertainment while paying homage to the history of Morgan Hill," added Martino.

The site has a rich history in Morgan Hill dating back to the 1920's as the location of the Edes Grocery Store, which was the inspiration behind the building's name. This project is privately funded by the owners of Ladera Grill and Colibri Art Gallery, Dan and Kathy McCranie, who are longtime residents of the area, avid art collectors, and supporters of local visual arts.

"The project complies with the City's Sustainable Building Provisions which include developing environmentally responsible and efficient structures. A significant portion of construction materials for the Edes building uses cross laminated timber (CLT) which is an eco-friendlier product as compared to carbon-emissions heavy materials like steel or concrete," said City of Morgan Hill Plan Check Engineer, James Son.

“This is a unique, graceful and intriguing architectural concept”, said Larry Kent, owner of Kent Construction, and the project’s General Contractor. “We’re very much looking forward to transforming that concept into reality,” added Kent.

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About Downtown Morgan Hill

The City of Morgan Hill recently built three parks in Downtown and invested \$25 million in public improvements in Downtown Morgan Hill, which included the construction of a 272-space parking garage, undergrounding of utilities, lighting, and public art. This has resulted in over \$100 million of private investment in a wide range of projects recently completed including the restoration of the Granada Theatre, a 29-unit mixed-use project by City Ventures, and a 16-unit mixed-use project by Weston Miles. Projects currently underway in Downtown include a 60-room boutique hotel and market hall by Live+Love+Léal Hospitality, a three-story fine art gallery by Dan McCranie, and a 48-unit mixed-use project by Van Daele Homes.

About the City of Morgan Hill

Morgan Hill is a 45,566-resident community in Silicon Valley, just 10 miles south of San Jose. The City has an entrepreneurial spirit and thirst for innovation. Morgan Hill currently houses nearly 7 million square feet of industrial, research and development, and manufacturing space in three large business parks. With over 17,200 employees, Morgan Hill is home to companies such as Anritsu, Specialized Bicycle Components, Wolfsped, Shoe Palace, Toray Advanced Composites, Paramit Corporation, Marki Microwave, Golden State Assembly, Sunbasket and Sakata Seed America.

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